

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION SECRET	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. EGMA-38019
TO INFO	Chief, EE ✓ COS, Germany CLS		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 201- Field File No. 1345
FROM	Chief, Munich Base <i>mbc</i>	DATE	21 October 1958
SUBJECT	DIZTAG/CART/OPERATIONS Ladislav Milan *NIZNANSKY, aka Ludwig MALECKA, aka Ludwig NALEPKA, aka Viktor MAIER, aka Wilhelm MISA, aka Wilhelm MICHEL (born 24 October 1917 in Nove Mesto, CSR) W 31424 also gives Ladislav Alfred	RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
ACTION REQUIRED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING	
REFERENCE		<input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	

Action Required: See paragraph 3 below. NIZNANSKY

1. NIZNANSKY, who is presently employed by RFE, was a staffcaptain in the CSR Army until July 1947, at which time he was recruited as an agent by Section II of the Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defense. Shortly thereafter he was dispatched to Austria with the mission of penetrating the Slovak resistance movement. He confessed to CIC in Vienna, and agreed to assume the role of a double agent. He carried out this role successfully until early 1949 when he presumably was compromised as a result of CIC's unsuccessful attempt to double his courier. He continued to work for Region "B," 430th CIC in an unknown capacity until circa 1953. In 1955 Jeremy K. Ficken told Munich Base that he had learned from CIC that they had polygraphed NIZNANSKY with unfavorable results and that they considered him to be a "sour apple."

2. We have noted that NIZNANSKY has been traveling to Austria with about the same degree of regularity as the [] He made the last trip in September 1958, returning to Munich on the 14th, the date a CIS harrassment letter directed against RFE was posted in Munich (see EGMA-37668, 8 October 1958). We therefore suspect that NIZNANSKY is a CIS agent, and that he has been meeting his CIS case officer in Austria.

3. Traces are requested on NIZNANSKY. Munich Base files contain the following: EGMA-29554, 24 September 1957; MGWV-201, 10 December 1951; and USFA Report No. R-986-53, 19 February 1953.

4. CLS: the appropriate forms are attached for CIC.

Approved: []

Attachment form CLS as noted paragraph 4 above

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REQUEST FOR CIC TRACES

Date: 21 October 1958

PALECHA, VIKTOR; PALECHA, VIKTOR;
PALECH, VIKTOR; PALECH, VIKTOR;
MICHEL, WILHELM

1. Family Name: NIZWANSKY Aliases: PALECHA, VIKTOR; PALECH, VIKTOR; MICHEL, WILHELM
Given Name: Ladislav
Maiden Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: 21 October 1917 3. Citizenship: Stateless
4. Place of Birth: Novo Mesto, CSR
5. Present Residence: Munich, Germany
6. Previous Residence (since 1945) (Indicate dates): _____
1945 - 15 Oct. 47 - Czechoslovakia
1947 - 1952 - Austria
1952 - present Germany
7. Occupation: Radio Free Europe
8. Present Employer: Radio Free Europe
9. Address of Present Employer: 1 English Gardens, Munich
10. Reason for Registry Check: Of operational interest to this organization.

(Note: Please attach rider if detailed information is available)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CIC

Date of Reply: NOV 19 1958

Results of Registry Check:

- a. No record
- b. No derogatory information
- c. Cannot identify
- d. No additional information
- e. The following counterintelligence information, classified TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL, dated _____ is available:

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SUMMARY OF REFERENCES

NIZNANSKY, Ladislav, aka Ludwig MALECKA, aka Ludwig NALEPKA, aka Viktor MAIER
aka Wilhelm MISA, aka Wilhelm MICHEL

1. (C) Information dated September 1953 indicates that Ladislav A. NIZNANSKY, born 24 October 1917 at LUTISA, District of Kysucke Nove Mesto, Slovakia, volunteered for the Czech Army in 1936 and was sent to various officers training schools. SUBJECT served as Lieutenant and Captain from 1938 to 1944, when his entire garrison deserted to the Partisans to fight against the Germans. SUBJECT was captured by the Germans in December 1944, lost his commission, and became a prisoner of the Russians in May 1945. SUBJECT was reappointed as a Staff Captain in the Czech Army in October 1945, and was arrested by the Obranne Bezpecnosti Zpravodajstvi (Military Counter Intelligence) (OBZ) on 5 January 1946. SUBJECT was released and reinstated in the Czech Army. In early July 1947, SUBJECT was called to the Espionage Section of the General Staff in PRAGUE and informed that he was to go to Austria, pose as a deserter, and attempt to contact and join emigre groups to determine the amount of aid given to the groups by the United States. SUBJECT contacted the American authorities when he reached VIENNA and revealed that he had been sent to Austria by the CIS for the purpose of obtaining information. Known CIS agent alleged that he was a friend of SUBJECT and that SUBJECT's parents still reside in the CSR. (C-3). In January 1953, SUBJECT was given a polygraph examination and reactions usually associated with deception were noted when SUBJECT answered certain questions. (UNEVALUATED)

2. (C) Information dated December 1955 further reveals that SUBJECT was employed by an allied intelligence agency from August 1949 to January 1953. (B-2)

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